Finance Committee

350 Main Street Webster, MA 01570

Earl Gabor, Chairman Sarah Sansom, Vice Chairman Christine Jackel, Recording Secretary Nick Adamopoulos Kiel Becker Joe Beresik Neil Dixon Michael Finamore Carole Marchand

MINUTES May 4, 2017

Present: Nick Adamopoulos, Kiel Becker, Joe Beresik, Neil Dixon, Earl Gabor, Carole

Marchand, and Sarah Sansom

Absent: Julie Dell'Anna, Michael Finamore

The meeting of the Finance Committee Public Hearing was called to order at 7:00 PM on Thursday, May 4, 2017 by Chairman Earl Gabor in the Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room in the Town Hall. Town Administrator, Doug Willardson was also in attendance.

Chairman Gabor indicated no vote had been taken on the budget at the recently held Public Hearing. Motion was made by Nick Adamopoulos and seconded by Carole Marchand to accept the balanced budget as presented. Vote was unanimous; motion carried.

Report on School Renovation Project

Ted Avlas, Assistant Superintendent for Business was there to update the Finance Committee on the renovation project budget in regard to Article 9 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles. Mr. Avlas stated the original funding proposed in 2014 for the BHS renovation project was not enough. Work is being done by Bay Path students and work is expected to be completed by December, allowing the move to be completed during the holiday break. The original budget was \$854,000; actual expenses are at \$994,363.62, indicating a shortfall of (\$139,563.52). He stated the School Committee and the Board of Selectmen have agreed to approve an increase of \$40,000 (\$15,000 for the entrance and \$25,000 for site work). He is seeking approval of the amount so all three can go into the Town Meeting in agreement.

Mr. Avlas said the part of the project that Bay Path will complete are the finish carpentry, doors, windows and glass, hardware, acoustical tile ceilings, plumbing, Electrical wiring. They cannot do the dry wall which is approximately 18,000 sq. ft. but will be able to paint. They will install the counters in the entry and break room and cabinets in the supply room. The DPW will do the site work. Of the actual expenses listed, there was a quote for \$26,999.40 for the hardware, and estimates for finish carpentry (\$14,975); resilient flooring, carpet, base (\$41,000) and painting, which is not being done by Bay Path (7,000).

Mr. Aylas said a professional architect drew up the plans, did a study and estimated the cost of the project; a second architect reviewed the numbers. Mr. Beresik said that at the time of the initial ask for funding, no floor plans were presented at Town Meeting and no one at the meeting received information. Ms. Marchand asked if she was correct in assuming the School Committee met with an architect, bids sent out and the T/A and Board of Selectmen approved with a dollar amount. Mr Avlas said they didn't have the actual dollar amount. The T/A said we will have to borrow. Stating that the amount is more than the original plan presented to the town, Mr. Dixon asked if handouts could be available at the town meeting as people check in and put on the website. He asked if the timeline by what the estimated December finish was on paper and Mr. Avlas stated it was not. Mr. Beresik said he was not in any way insinuating that Bay Path should not be doing the job, but noted they also build one house during the school yea, so asked how much did they feel Bay Path actually saved us. Mr. Avlas said they spend two weeks in school and two weeks on the job and even with seniors graduating, they bring sophomores on site so it is a great learning experience. He said if we bid out, the project would come close to \$2m. When asked about Park Avenue, Mr. Avlas said that project came in well under budget; was projected to be \$35m and came in at \$32.5m.

It was asked if the entire building would be air conditioned and Mr. Avlas said the A/C would cover approximately \$7,500 sq. ft and the administrative offices and rooms without windows would be air conditioned. Mr. Avlas said the goal is still to vacate Filmer as soon as possible and put on the market and on the tax roll. Mr. Gabor said the paving project estimate at the school was also over budget, and the School had to come back a second time. The T/A stated that the scope of work that Bay Path students have been able or will be able to complete has changed, therefore, the overall cost of the project has increased, with the remaining amount of \$139,563.62 needed to complete the project. Motion made by Sarah Sansom and seconded by Kiel Becker to approve \$140,000 to complete the BHS Renovation Project. Roll Call Vote: Yes-4 (Kiel Becker, Carole Marchand, Sarah Sansom and Earl Gabor; No-3 (Nick Adamopoulos, Joe Beresik and Neil Dixon; motion carried. Mr. Avlas thanked the group, stating with this vote, the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and School Committee will all be united at the Town Meeting.

T/A Report

The T/A distributed a copy of the May 2017 Town Meeting Guide with all STM and ATM Warrant Articles with a recommendation, background on the article and recommended motiuons. Mr. Beresik asked if it was correct that the state recommended a change in auditors for FY16 audit; the T/A said yes that was correct and he has a proposal out for a new auditor, one who does municipal audits. Mr. Beresik also asked about the Solar Farm project, as originally stated we would receive \$50,000/year and put all in town hall. The T/A explained the first year the \$60,000 was put into the Town Hall stabilization account; second year \$50,000 also put into the Town Hall stabilization for a total of \$110,000. The T/A stated he will use the monies next year in FY18 to balance the operating budget. The T/A noted on page 16 of the budget under 4360 "Rentals & Leases" the amount for FY16 was \$84,294, in FY17 no actual amount and the FY18 budget shows \$92,850 with \$55,000 of that from the lease.

On page 15 under 4180 "Pilot" there is \$5,584 in FY16 actual and \$91,818 in FY19, these are payments in lieu of taxes. On page 24 under "Payments in Lieu of Taxes" it explains that the Town has three (3) pilots or tax agreements. One is for the solar field owned by Hubbard Health Systems for \$13,420; the second is for a solar field on the Town's landfill for \$10,980.56 and the final agreement is for the marijuana grow facility in the amount of \$50,000. In addition, another solar array tax agreement is being negotiated that should be in effect for FY18.

Bonded Indebtness

Vice Chairman Sansom prepared and distributed two (2) handouts; one of the General Fund Debt Schedule from Balance for June 30, 2015 showing a total debt authorized and unissued of \$44,321,473.24 and unaudited authorized and unissued balance for June 30, 2017 projected at \$71,523,413.46. The Sewer Fund showed a balance on June 30, 2015 of \$13,003,663.42 and balance on June 30, 2017 projected at \$10,842,386.64. The Water Fund showed a balance of \$6,672,769.82 and balance on June 30, 2017 projected at \$5,415,506.82. On the statement of indebtedness summary it shows our total long-term debt as \$40,250,173.00; total long-term and short-term debt at \$40,928,148.00 with a total authorized and unissued debt of \$34,634,844.00 for FY16 when closed. The original amount was \$3.5m.

Final Preparation of Finance Committee Town Meeting Report

Chairman Gabor said he will have the final report, which was presented in draft form last month, will be in the packets at the Town meeting. Mr. Beresik said he spoke with the Town Modeator who told him we will vote electronically at Monday's meeting, but had not seen it publicized. Ms. Marchand said there was a demo on this which was available to the public. Chairman Gabor felt it is a good thing as votes will be instantaneous, rather than the old way of raising of hands and counting. The T/A said he will have it put on the Town's Facebook page.

Votes on STM and ATM Town Meeting Warrant Articles w/Change from 5/4/17 Vote

Changes in red voted by Finance Committee at May 4, 2017 meeting

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT May 8, 2017

ARTICLE 1: To hear and act upon the report and recommendations of the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen / Finance Committee

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from any available funds in the Treasury, a sum sufficient to the Town Administrator Unpaid Bills Account for the purpose of funding the payment of prior years' unpaid invoices; or take any action thereon.

Sponsored by the Town Accountant

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen / Finance Committee

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from any available funds in the Treasury, a sum sufficient to the Water Unpaid Bills Account for the purpose of funding the payment of prior years' unpaid invoices; or take any action thereon.

Sponsored by the Town Accountant

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen / Finance Committee

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from any available funds in the Treasury, a sum sufficient to the Sewer Unpaid Bills Account for the purpose of funding the payment of prior years' unpaid invoices; or take any action thereon.

Sponsored by the Town Accountant

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen / Finance Committee

Motion made by Mike Finamore and seconded by Sarah Sansom to approve Articles 1-4 as recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Vote was unanimous; motion carried.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from any available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$50,000.00 to the Town Hall Improvements Stabilization Fund; or take any action thereon.

Sponsored by the Town Accountant

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen / Finance Committee

Motion made by Mike Finamore and seconded by Sarah Sansom to approve Article 5 as recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Vote was unanimous; motion carried.

NOTE: ARTICLES 6-22 PASS OVER - THESE TRANSFERS WILL BE ON THE AGENDA OF THE 6/8/17 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING AND 6/19/17 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$2,500.00 from the Boat Maintenance Account to the Harbormaster Overtime Account; or take any action thereon.

Sponsored by the Police Department

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$2,600.00 from the Code Enforcement Town Planner Salary Account to the Board of Selectmen Longevity Account; or take any action thereon.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$9,822.00 from the Code Enforcement Town Planner Salary Account to the Board of Selectmen Sick Leave Incentive Account; or take any action thereon.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$6,864.00 from the Code Enforcement Town Planner Salary Account to the Town Accountant Salary Account; or take any action thereon.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$12,500.00 from the Town Counsel Legal Services Account to the Treasurer Financial Services Account; or take any action thereon.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$13,200.00 from the Town Administrator Salary Account to the Elections Department Elections Workers Account; or take any action thereon.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$8,927.00 from the Senior Center Custodial Salaries Account to the Town Office Building Overtime Account; or take any action thereon.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$14,000.00 from the Town Administrator Salary Account to the Town Office Building Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Account; or take any action thereon.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$4,300.00 from the Regional SWCRVSD Assessment Account to the Inspectional Services Wiring Inspector Account; or take any action thereon.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$1,059.00 from the Regional SWCRVSD Assessment Account to the Inspectional Services Plumbing Inspector Account; or take any action thereon.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$639.00 from the Regional SWCRVSD Assessment Account to the Inspectional Services Gas Inspector Account; or take any action thereon.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$312.00 from the Regional SWCRVSD Assessment Account to the Inspectional Services Assistant Wiring Inspector Account; or take any action thereon.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$350.00 from the Regional SWCRVSD Assessment Account to the Inspectional Services Car Allowance Account; or take any action thereon.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$754.00 from the Regional SWCRVSD Assessment Account to the Dog Officer Other Expenses Account; or take any action thereon.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$7,400.00 from the Town Administrator Executive Secretary Salary Account to the Veterans Director Salary Account; or take any action thereon.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$6,000.00 from the Senior Center Custodial Salary Account to the Veterans Benefits Account; or take any action thereon.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$5,000.00 from the Town Administrator Salary Account to the Veterans Benefits Account; or take any action thereon.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from any available funds in the Treasury, a sum sufficient to the DPW Snow and Ice Supplies Account; or take any action thereon.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen / Finance Committee – Pass over for more information

Motion made by Mike Finamore and seconded by Kiel Becker to pass over Article 23 for more information. Vote was unanimous; motion carried.

Motion made by Carole Marchand and seconded by Nick Adamopoulos to rescind vote to pass over for more information. Vote was unanimous; motion carried. Motion made by Neil Dixon and seconded by Nick Adamopoulos to pass over. Vote was unanimous; motion carried.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from any available funds in the Treasury, a sum sufficient to the Unemployment Compensation Account; or take any action thereon.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen / Finance Committee

Motion made by Mike Finamore and seconded by Kiel Becker to approve Article 24 as recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Vote was unanimous; motion carried.

Changes in red voted by Finance Committee at May 4, 2017 meeting

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT May 08, 2017

ARTICLE 1: To hear and act upon the report and recommendations of the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen / Finance Committee

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to fix the compensation of elected officials, provide for a reserve fund, and determine what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate including appropriations from any available funds to defray the charges and expenses of the Town including debt and interest for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018; or take any action thereon.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen / Finance Committee

Motion made by Mike Finamore and seconded by Nick Adamopoulos to approve Article 2 as recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Vote was unanimous; motion carried.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from any available funds a sum sufficient to operate the Sewer Enterprise Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018; or take any action thereon.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Board of Selectman / Finance Committee

Motion made by Mike Finamore and seconded by Nick Adamopoulos to approve Article 3 as recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Vote was unanimous; motion carried.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from any available funds a sum sufficient to operate the Water Enterprise Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018; or take any action thereon.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen / Finance Committee

Motion made by Mike Finamore and seconded by Nick Adamopoulos to approve Article 4 as recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Vote was unanimous; motion carried.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the consent of the Board of Selectmen, to temporarily borrow a note or notes, or make an interfund advance from available funds in anticipation of revenue from taxation, bonds, or grants, and to repay said sums within the current fiscal cycle; or take any action thereon.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen / Finance Committee

Motion made by Mike Finamore and seconded by Nick Adamopoulos to approve Article 5 as recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Vote was unanimous; motion carried.

ARTICLE 6: DEPARTMENTAL REVOLVING FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to create and/or continue revolving funds for certain town departments pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017:

Revolving Fund	Authority to Spend	Revenue Source	Use of Fund	FY2016 Budget
Animal Control	Board of Health/ Health Agent	Program Fees	Program expenses	\$2,000.00
Auditorium Rentals	Town Administrator	Rental Fees	Facility maintenance	\$5,000.00
Leased Properties	Town Administrator	Lease Payments	Facility maintenance	\$50,000.00
Graphic Arts	School Committee	Program Fees	Program supplies	\$5,000.00
Recycling	Recycling Commission	Program Fees	Program expenses	\$1,000.00

Firearms Licensing	Chief of Police	Program Fees	Program expenses	\$10,000.00
Board of Health Training	Board of Health/ Health Agent	Program Fees	Program expenses	\$3,000.00
Board of Health Inspections	Board of Health/ Health Agent	Inspection Fees	Outside Consultant	\$5,000.00
Senior Center	Senior Center Director	Program Fees	Program expenses	\$10,000.00
Library	Library Director	Photocopier/Printer Fees	Equipment supplies	\$2,000.00
Nuisance Properties	Town Administrator	Program Fees	Program expenses	\$100,000.00
Inspectional Services	Town Administrator	Inspection Fees	Part Time	\$50,000.00
Municipal Hear Officer	Town Administrator	Fines	Program expenses	\$2,500.00

; or take any action thereon.

Sponsored by the Town Accountant Recommended by the Board of Selectmen / Finance Committee

Motion made by Mike Finamore and seconded by Carole Marchand to approve Article 6 as recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Vote was unanimous; motion carried.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to rescind the action taken at the October 17, 2016 Annual Town Meeting under Article 10; or take any action thereon.

Sponsored by the Town Accountant

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen / Finance Committee – Pass over for more information

Motion made by Mike Finamore and seconded by Carole Marchand to pass over Article 7 for more information. Vote was unanimous; motion carried.

Motion made by Carole Marchand and seconded by Nick Adamopoulos to rescind vote to pass over for more information. Vote was unanimous; motion carried. Motion made by Sarah Sanson and seconded by Nick Adamopoulos to approve Article 7 as written.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 22g and authorize to allocate all funds received from fines assessed for violations of handicap parking in said town to the commission of disabilities and said funds to be deposited by the Town Treasurer in a separate account and shall be used solely for the benefit of persons with disabilities; or take any action thereon.

Sponsored by the ADA Committee

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen / Finance Committee

Motion made by Carole Marchand and seconded by Kiel Becker to approve Article 8. as recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Vote was unanimous; motion carried.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from any available funds in the Treasury a sum sufficient for the purpose of renovation, construction improvements, remodeling, reconstruction, making extraordinary repairs to the Bartlett Jr Sr High School for the use as School Administration Offices, including but not limited to costs for planning, design, construction, furnishing and equipment, as well as all other costs incidental or related thereto; or take any other action thereto.

Sponsored by the Webster Public Schools

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen / Finance Committee – Pass over for more information

Motion made by Mike Finamore and seconded by Sarah Sansom to pass over Article 9 for more information. Vote was unanimous; motion carried.

Motion made by Sarah Sansom and seconded by Nick Adamopoulos to rescind vote to pass over for more information. Vote was unanimous; motion carried. Motion made by Carole Marchand and seconded by Kiel Becker to approve Article 9 as read. Vote: Yes-4; No-3; motion carried.

Motion made by Sarah Sansom and seconded by Kiel Becker to include site work and entrance on the project. Vote: Yes-2; No-5. Motion did not carry.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to grant a permanent easement to National Grid, or the corporate entity designated as grantee in the proposed easement document, over Town-owned land for the purpose of supplying electricity to Town property, on such further terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems necessary and property; or to take any action thereto.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen / Finance Committee – Pass over for more information

Motion made by Mike Finamore and seconded by Nick Adamopoulos to pass over Article 10 for more information. Vote was unanimous; motion carried.

Motion made by Sarah Sansom and seconded by Nick Adamopoulos to rescind vote to pass over for more information. Vote was unanimous; motion carried. Motion made by Carole Marchand and seconded by Sarah Sansom to approve Article 10 as written. Vote was unanimous; motion carried.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30B, § 16, and c. 40, § 3, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to lease the Town property located at 31 Ray Street, Webster, for a period not to exceed thirty (30) years and for the specific public purpose of providing a museum to commemorate the history of Webster and surrounding region, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems necessary and proper; or take any action thereon.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator Recommended by the Board of Selectmen / FinanceCommittee

Motion made by Mike Finamore and seconded by Carole Marchand to approve Article 11 as recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Vote was unanimous; motion carried.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation authorizing the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting by and through its Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance, to release a restriction held by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on the Town-owned property located at 31 Ray Street, Webster, and described in the deed from the Commonwealth to the Town dated January 4, 2005 and recorded with the Worcester South District Registry of Deeds in Book 35465, Page 99, a copy of said deed on file with the Town Clerk, said restriction requiring the property be used solely as a community youth facility; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court which are within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to approve such amendments, the form of said special legislation to be as follows:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RELEASE OF A RESTRICTION ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 31 RAY STREET IN THE TOWN OF WEBSTER

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. The division of capital asset management and maintenance is authorized to release a restriction held by the Commonwealth on the town-owned property located at 31 Ray Street, Webster, and described in a deed from the commonwealth of Massachusetts to said town of Webster, dated January 4, 2005, and recorded with the Worcester south district registry of deeds in book 35465, page 99, said restriction requiring the property be used solely as a community youth facility.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take such actions as it deems necessary or proper; or take any action thereon.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator Recommended by the Board of Selectmen / Finance Committee Motion made by Sarah Sansom and seconded by Mike Finamore to approve Article 12 as recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Vote was unanimous; motion carried.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from any available funds in the Treasury a sum sufficient for the purpose installing and extending the water main on Thompson Road from Memorial Beach Drive to Park to Park Road with approximately 1,500 feet of 16" diameter main to transmit treated water flows from the filtration plant, including but not limited to costs for planning, design, construction, as well as all other costs incidental or related thereto; or take any other action thereto. **Sponsored by the Town Administrator**

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen / Finance Committee

Motion made by Carole Marchand and seconded by Sarah Sansom to approve Article 13 as recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Vote was unanimous; motion carried.

Adjourn

There being no further business, motion made by Carole Marchand and seconded by Sarah Sansom to adjourn at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Jackel Recording Secretary

Documents for Discussion:

- STM and ATM Warrant Articles
- District Administration Renovation Project Budget April 24, 2017
- Statement of Indebtedness Summary
- Debt Schedule Town / Sewer / Water